



PTO/SB/08A (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/675,669
Filing Date	September 30, 2003
First Named Inventor	Gino F. MORELLO
Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	George R. EVANISKO
Attorney Docket Number	021906-025US

Sheet 1 of 1

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
TS		US- 4,221,543	09-09-1980	Cosentino, L.C., et al.	
		US- 4,363,609	12-14-1982	Cosentino, L.C., et al.	
		US- 4,557,673	12-10-1985	Chen, H., et al.	
		US- 4,578,077	03-25-1986	Joh, Y.	
		US- 4,692,145	09-08-1987	Weyant, R.R.	
		US- 4,957,504	09-18-1990	Chardack, W.M.	
		US- 5,041,086	08-20-1991	Koenig, P.A., et al.	
		US- 5,511,958	04-30-1996	Chen, H., et al.	
		US- 5,527,159	06-18-1996	Bozeman, Jr., R.J., et al.	
		US- 5,599,173	02-04-1997	Chen, H., et al.	
		US- 5,888,242	03-30-1999	Antaki, J.F., et al.	
		US- 5,947,892	09-07-1999	Benkowski, R.J., et al.	
		US- 5,975,126	11-02-1999	Bump, S.S., et al.	
		US- 6,066,086	05-23-2000	Antaki, J.F., et al.	
		US- 6,183,412 B1	02-06-2001	Benkowski, R.J., et al.	
TS		US- 6,605,032 B2	08-12-2003	Benkowski, R.J., et al.	
		US- 2003/0069465 A1	04-10-2003	Benkowski, et al.	
		US-			
		US-			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
TS		WO 88/03784	06-02-1988	Novacor Medical Corp.		
TS		WO 00/19097	04-06-2000	A-Med Systems, Inc.		
TS		WO 2004/054641 A1	07-01-2004	Ventracor Ltd.		

Examiner Signature	/Terri Smith/	Date Considered	10/24/2006
--------------------	---------------	-----------------	------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.